
Minutes

Public Art/Art in Private Development Committee

Subcommittee of Tempe Municipal Arts Commission

August 31, 2011

Minutes of the Public Art/Art in Private Development (AIPD) Committee meeting that took place at 4 p.m. on August 31, 2011, in the Connections Café Program Room at the Tempe Public Library, 3500 S. Rural Road, Tempe, AZ, 85282.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Hilary Harp - Chair
Shirlee King
Susan Bendix
Celeste Plumlee
Robert Moore

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Hotchy Kiene
Nikie Crawford

City Staff Present:

Maja Aurora, Arts Coordinator

Guests Present:

John Nelson
Manjula Vaz

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

- Hilary Harp called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Date Palm Manor Neighborhood Association Grant Presentation - Discussion

- Maja Aurora, City of Tempe Arts Coordinator, explained that the Date Palm Manor Neighborhood Association received a \$10,000 Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant for 2010-2011.
- Manjula Vaz, Date Palm Manor Neighborhood Association representative, explained that the Date Palm Manor Neighborhood Association selected local artist John Nelson to design the art element. Vaz added that this is the third phase of the neighborhood's artistic gateway wall project.
- John Nelson presented the committee members with the design concepts for the steel and ceramic tile schemes that will be incorporated onto gateway walls.

- M. Vaz explained that the project would be completed by late November, 2011.
- J. Nelson explained that the Date Palm Manor Neighborhood Association members will be providing recycled tiles and under his direction will help create the tile mosaic together.
- H. Harp thanked John Nelson and Manjula Vaz for attending the meeting and presenting the design concepts.

Agenda Item 3 - Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards - Action

- M. Aurora distributed a draft *Call to Artists* document that explained the *Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Opportunity* in detail.
- M. Aurora explained that the six selected artists will create a two-dimensional design for utility boxes located in the Mill Avenue District, as well as prominently displayed on City of Tempe library cards. M. Aurora explained that the six local artists will be selected via City of Tempe Public Art Program Panel Review Process.
- M. Aurora explained that the Public Artwork Opportunity is a collaborative project between the *City of Tempe* and the *Downtown Tempe Community*. Aurora stated that the project budget is \$12,000; and each artist will receive \$2,000 from the *City of Tempe* and \$500 from the *Downtown Tempe Community*.
- H. Harp inquired about the useful life of the painted utility boxes; M. Aurora stated that artist contract will include *use of life* language. Aurora clarified that the artist contract will state that the utility box and library cards are functional equipment with a limited life expectancy, and may be relocated, repaired or removed from service at any time, and for any reason.
- M. Aurora reported that the fabrication of the library cards and the painting of the utility boxes will be no later than February, 2012.

MOTION: Shirlee King moved to approve the Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Project and its Corresponding Project Budget.

SECOND: Susan Bendix Kiene seconded.

DECISION: Mill Avenue District Utility Boxes and Tempe Public Library Cards Public Artwork Project and its Corresponding Project Budget approved.

Agenda Item 4 – Public Art/AIPD Update

- Maja Aurora reported that the City of Tempe Public Art/AIPD Program is now utilizing the *Public Art Archive*, a new project of the *Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF)*, to manage and promote its collections. Aurora explained that users will be able to view City of Tempe Public Art/AIPD Program artworks on a home computer as well as a mobile device while standing on-site. Aurora further explained that the information includes a Google map, a project description and up to 10 images.

Agenda Item 5 - Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Prepared by: Maja Aurora

Reviewed by: Rachael Peterson